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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF PERU

FOR THE

Year Ending February, 12

1921

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Advertiser Print

Norway, Maine

Town Officers

Moderator

E. G. CHILD

Town Clerk

HOWARD TURNER

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

E. G. CHILD

E. B. KNOX

W. B. KIDDER

Treasurer

HENRY R. ROBINSON

Collector of Taxes

L. E. IRISH

Constables

E. S. NEWTON

C. H. ROBINSON

W. T. HILL

Superintending School Committee

C. N. CHILD

W. S. HAINES

D. C. CHENERY

Superintendent of Schools

H. W. COBURN

Board of Health

W. B. KIDDER

E. S. NEWTON

O. T. WOODBURY

Sealer of Weights and Measures

S. W. HOWARD

Road Commissioners

M. M. FARRAR

THOS. CUNNINGHAM

Sextons

BENJ. BIGELOW

A. W. KNIGHT

O. O. TRACY

Fire Warden

E. S. NEWTON

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

D. C. CHENERY

W. B. KIDDER

C. S. LUCE

G. L. ROWE

Truant Officer

E. S. NEWTON

Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen of the town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 12, 1921:

VALUATION

Real estate, resident.....	\$202,287 00
Real estate, non-resident.....	80,489 00
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Total real estate.....	\$282,776 00
Personal estate, resident.....	\$104,034 00
Personal estate, non-resident.....	8,463 00
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Total personal estate.....	\$112,497 00
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Total valuation.....	\$395,273 00

LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses	208	\$109 30	\$22,735 00
Colts, 3 to 4.....	2	72 50	145 00
Colts, 2 to 3.....	5	57 00	285 00
Colts under 2.....	6	44 17	265 00
Cows	475	48 52	23,047 00
Oxen	6	87 50	525 00
Three-year-old	122	39 50	4,816 00
Two-year-old	151	30 10	4,545 00
Sheep (over 35 in number).....	8	9 25	74 00
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Total amount taxable live stock.....			\$56,437 00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
One-year-old	125	\$ 14 81	\$1,851 00
Sheep (to 35 in number).....	146	8 93	1,304 00
Swine (to 10 in number).....	79	19 84	1,567 00
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Total amount of exempt live stock.....			\$4,722 00

 ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Electric light property.....	\$ 1,000 00
Bridge stock	1,385 00
Stock in trade.....	16,350 00
Small boats, 4.....	300 00
Logs and lumber.....	14,090 00
Wood and bark.....	35 00
Carriages, 17.....	385 00
Automobiles, 67	16,580 00
Musical instruments, 43.....	3,930 00
Material in stock.....	400 00
Portable mill, 1.....	700 00
Other property.....	905 00

Total amount.....	\$56,060 00
Taxable live stock brought forward.....	56,437 00

Total amount taxable personal property.....\$112,497 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

State tax	\$2,590 31
County tax	731 82
For support of common schools.....	3,200 00
Support of poor	1,000 00
Summer roads and bridges.....	3,500 00
Winter roads	1,500 00
Miscellaneous town charges.....	400 00
Town officers' bills.....	800 00
Memorial purposes	10 00
Interest on school fund.....	34 38
High school tuition	725 00
Text books and supplies	175 00
Repairs on schoolhouses	175 00
Maintenance of State road.....	15 60
Maintenance of State aid road.....	49 50
State aid road construction.....	533 00
Fencing unprotected cemeteries or removing bodies	50 00
Shingling Town Hall	175 00
Purchase of steel culverts.....	300 00
Dixfield and Peru ferry.....	250 00
Salary of Supt. of schools.....	160 00

Special repairs at East Peru school.....	200 00
Care of cemeteries	75 00
Celebrating advent of Maine into the union	50 00

Total appropriation	\$16,699 61
Overlay	202 58
Supplmentary	62 64

Total amount committed to collector.....\$16,964 83

Number of polls taxed, 232.

Number of polls not taxed, 20.

Poll tax, \$3.00.

Rate of taxation, .041.

POOR ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Overdrawn in 1919.....	30 69

Available

Paid Mrs. Fred Cunningham for board and care of Horace Clark.....	\$309 57
J. M. Sturtevant for medical attendance.	8 00
L. B. Phinney, for board and care of Andrew J. Hall.....	72 00
Mrs. E. W. Knox, for board and care of Andrew J. Hall	228 00
Kidder Bros., for clothing.....	19 25
J. E. Dow, for wood for Herbert Bowker.	14 00
Kidder Bros., for supplies.....	3 57
O. L. Knight, for groceries.....	43 10
E. G. Child for potatoes.....	2 50
Harry B. Marsh, for burial expenses of William A. Dixon	73 00
J. S. Sturtevant, for medical attendance.	23 00
Linus Libby, for board, care and spoiled bedding	20 00
Town of East Livermore, for supplies furnished F. J. Wing and family.....	294 14

Expenditures

Overdrawn

 Poor belonging to other towns:

Paid Mrs. E. W. Knox for board, transportation and ticket to Lewiston\$108 75
 J. M. Sturtevant, for medicine..... 7 50

Expenditures\$116 25
 Due from City of Lewiston.....\$116 25

Poor belonging to State:

Paid for board, care, clothing and professional services rendered Frank F. Bartlett.....\$470 45

Expenditures\$470 45
 Received from State\$254 70

Due from State.....\$215 75

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Appropriation\$ 75 00
 Overdrawn in 1919 37 14

Available\$ 37 86

Paid A. W. Knight for care of Knox cemetery..\$ 3 00
 Benjamin Bigelow for care of East Peru and Worthley Pond yards 13 00
 O. O. Tracy, for care of Cote, Small, Burgess Hill, Dickvale and Franklin Annex yards 14 00

Expenditures\$ 30 00

Unexpended balance\$ 7 86

HOLLIS TURNER CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Interest available in 1920.....\$29 58
 Unexpended in 1919..... 18 91

Available\$ 48 49

Paid	H. R. Robinson & Son for labor.....	\$ 5 25
	D. O. Delano, for labor.....	3 50
	A. W. Knight, for labor.....	9 50
	E. B. Knox, for paint.....	7 00
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Expenditures	\$ 25 25
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Unexpended balance	\$ 23 24

FENCING UNPROTECTED CEMETERIES OR REMOVING BODIES

Appropriation	\$ 50 00
Unexpended in 1919.....		56 85
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Available	\$106 85
Paid	A. W. Knight, for removing and interring seven bodies	\$56 00
	W. M. Kidder, for boxes.....	15 00
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Expenditures	\$ 71 00
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Unexpended balance	\$ 35 85

MEMORIAL PURPOSES

Appropriation	\$10 00
Unexpended balance in 1919.....		1 00
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Available	\$ 11 00
Paid	W. B. Kidder for flags.....	\$ 10 66
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Expenditures	\$ 10 66
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Unexpended balance	\$ 34

 PERU CENTER SCHOOL YARD FENCE

Unexpended balance in 1919.....\$ 23 03

Available\$ 23 03

Paid H. R. Robinson & Son, for labor.....\$ 4 40

Expenditure\$ 4 40

Unexpended balance\$ 18 63

DIXFIELD AND PERU FERRY ACCOUNT

Appropriation\$250 00

Overdrawn in 1919..... 105 03

Available\$144 97

 Paid Town of Dixfield 1/2 expense of running
 ferry\$239 73

Expenditure\$239 73

Overdrawn\$ 94 76

CELEBRATING ADVENT OF MAINE INTO THE UNION

Appropriation\$ 50 00

Unexpended\$ 50 00

SHINGLING TOWN HALL

Appropriation\$175 00

Paid Kidder Bros., for material.....\$124 09

Thomas Newman, for labor..... 40 00

Expenditures 164 09

Unexpended balance\$ 10 91

SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES AND BUSH ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$3,500 00
Patrol allowance	485 40
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	\$3,014 60
Overdrawn in 1919.....	226 01
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Total amount available	\$2,788 59
Western section allotment.....	\$1,946 75
Paid M. M. Farrar, road commissioner.....	\$488 58
Roy Knox	202 53
Alton Lovejoy	196 00
D. C. Chenery	178 25
B. C. Putnam	158 33
U. G. McIntire	171 08
A. W. Knight, for bridge stringers.....	15 90
H. E. Rafuse	11 25
Cleston Knox	24 00
Kidder Bros., for plank.....	80 76
R. S. Tracy.....	37 91
Wilber Chenery	27 90
Alton Burgess, cutting bushes.....	9 00
E. S. Newton, blacksmithing.....	6 20
P. C. Charland	1 17
C. A. Lane, for road, tools and spikes..	10 86
George Gordon	7 20
V. W. Farrar	51 90
F. F. Burgess	14 40
Nelson Lufkin, cutting bushes	4 40
James Saunders	16 00
E. P. Haines, cutting bushes	6 00
E. G. Child	18 68
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Expenditures	\$1,738 30
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Unexpended balance	\$208 45
Eastern section allotment.....	\$841 84
Paid Thomas Cunningham, road commissioner.	\$160 59
Ralph Oldham	48 06
James Irish	87 50
B. C. Kidder	14 00

E. E. Cox	105 53
A. S. Hazelton.....	42 00
Lawrence Kidder	2 50
W. S. Haines.....	3 50
J. C. Oldham	125 32
Willard Cobb	7 50
Emerson Oldham	24 00
Roy Oldham	36 75
M. H. Oldham	12 00
E. B. Knox.	5 00
Harold Packard	45 50
D. E. Oldham	26 25
Melvin Lovejoy	50 75
E. E. Howard	90 86
Kidder Bros.	10 48
E. G. Bassett	3 50
A. G. Walker	2 00
P. K. Child	7 28
Reuben Vaughn	7 00
Dennis O'Connor	7 00
Wilmer Oldham	11 32

Expenditures\$936 19

Overdrawn\$ 94 35

Total expenditures by the two road com.....\$2,674 49

Plank for patrol road 35 64

Total expenditures\$2,710 13

Unexpended balance\$ 78 46

CULVERT ACCOUNT

Appropriation\$300 00

Paid C. M. Conant Co.....\$288 00

M. C. R. R. Co., freight..... 9 99

M. O. Walker, storage 3 99

Expenditures\$301 98

Overdrawn\$ 1 98

STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT, 1920

Appropriated by town.....	\$533 00
Appropriated by State	708 89
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Joint fund	\$1,241 89
Expended by State	\$ 11 20
Expended by town	1,085 69
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Cost of road	\$1,096 89
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Unexpended balance	\$145 00

THIRD CLASS ROAD ACCOUNT

Appropriated by State	\$601 20
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Amount available	\$601 20
Expended by State	\$ 3 85
Expended by town	601 94
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Cost of road	\$605 79
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Overdrawn	\$ 4 59

MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROAD

Appropriation	\$15 60
Paid State for .26 mile.....	\$15 60

MAINTENANCE OF STATE AID ROAD

Appropriation	\$ 49 50
Paid State for 1.65 miles.....	\$ 49 50

MAINTENANCE OF STATE AID ROAD NO. 2

No appropriation.	
Should have been	\$ 9 00
Appropriated by State	9 00
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Available	\$18 00

Paid	M. M. Farrar	\$ 5 10
	James Saunders	4 00
	V. W. Farrar	7 50
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Expenditures		\$16 60
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Unexpended balance		\$ 1 40

SNOW BILLS

Winter and Spring 1920

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
Unexpended in 1919	261 97
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Available	\$1,761 97
E. C. Staples	\$ 98 00
W. H. Cunningham	19 20
H. C. Abbott	5 20
W. H. Cox.....	5 43
John O'Connor	15 05
Harold Packard	33 60
H. O. Hussey	32 00
W. C. Poland	6 00
Robert Carroll	1 20
A. W. Knight	40 00
W. S. Haines	19 60
Joseph Jesselskis	8 00
Perley K. Child	9 20
J. E. Irish	25 40
Fred A. Russell	16 60
A. G. Walker	23 13
B. C. Kidder.....	36 40
Emerson Oldham	8 00
E. E. Cox.....	28 40
E. E. Howard	51 20
Robert Gillispie	30 00
Alex. Dragoon	19 60
A. T. Belyea	1 80
Fred Cunningham	4 40
C. S. Luce	10 40
Frank Godish	8 40

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Kidder Bros.	21 40
Thomas Cunningham	17 40
E. B. Knox	21 20
W. C. Stevens	7 20
Merton Luce	8 60
Roscoe V. Robinson	8 40
Willard Cobb	14 00
Benjamin Bigelow	35 40
Sidney Hazelton	4 60
A. S. Hazelton	8 70
Leslie Irish	7 60
D. S. Bryant	13 60
W. J. Bryant	27 20
E. W. Sturtevant	30 40
Charles Frost and son.....	57 10
P. C. Charland	26 80
D. W. Oldham.....	24 80
L. K. Lovejoy	35 00
Sylvester Searles	10 00
O. J. Putnam	15 20
J. R. Morrill & Son	46 35
A. C. Hammond	20 19
Carroll L. Robinson	3 20
H. R. Robinson	15 60
C. M. White	85 40
Maurice R. Tracy	11 20
James Miller	86 38
E. P. Burgess	17 40
S. H. McIntire	17 20
Richard Gill	22 40
Gerald A. Knox	40 40
C. B. Knox	8 20
C. W. Knox	36 00
Reuben Vaughn	9 20
Sherwood Gill	14 00
Alex. Godish	4 80
Frank Searles	2 10
Fred Searles	3 20
E. B. Fletcher	9 20
A. M. Curtis	4 20
Hiram K. Washburn	15 20
Charles Hotham	14 00
William Eastman	28 40

L. E. Libby	13 20
Isaac Searles	9 60
J. E. Dow	7 20
E. G. Child	27 80
H. L. Shaw	15 80
Ernest Andrews	11 40
Weston Dunton	9 00
B. C. Putnam	14 40
Glenroy Miller	41 10
Will Hopkins	12 40
W. E. Knox	46 80
Melvin Lovejoy	12 40
Selwyn McIntire	18 60
L. M. Knight	8 40
G. L. Rowe	6 20
Fred Huse	1 60
Fred F. Bartlett	19 60
U. G. McIntire	35 70
George C. Ford	11 20
Thomas Saunders	1 40
L. B. Phinney.....	15 20
M. M. Farrar	42 21
Alex McFee	43 60
H. E. Rafuse	13 60
Hall Bros.	8 00
G. H. Conant	48 20
A. G. Howard	26 00
W. H. Chenery	5 20
M. H. Oldham	28 80
C. A. Porter	3 60
D. C. Chenery	18 00
J. C. Oldham	21 40
Wilbur Oldham	6 60
N. S. Bishop	12 80
LaRoy Pinkham	8 20
V. W. Farrar	3 20
Louis Delano	12 20
A. B. McIntire	21 10
D. O. Delano.....	8 00
Sidney Goggin	15 00
George H. Libby	5 40
C. L. Knox	22 00
A. Mockus	13 60

W. E. Tyler	13 80
George Gordon	10 60
A. L. Harlow	10 20
Lawrence Kidder	2 40
Roy Whitney	1 40
Fred Park	2 40
Roy Knox	8 00
O. R. Delano	14 60
John Burgess & Son	28 00
Bruce E. Chase	13 20
B. J. Roberts.....	10 20
C. J. Tracy	6 32
E. M. Gammon	22 50
A. S. Holman	23 20
Howard Turner	80
Ray J. Tyler	13 60
Oscar Frost	5 60
E. C. Poland	8 00
Edwin Staples	1 60
W. M. Johnson	10 80
N. B. Lufkin	29 90
F. F. Burgess	16 80
J. G. Tyler	14 80

Expenditures\$2,459 46

WINTER, 1921

Alphonse Chabot	\$12 07
E. G. Child	3 85
C. L. Knox	11 65
A. B. McIntire.....	5 34

Total expenditures\$2,492 37

Overdrawn\$ 730 40

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

O. L. Knight, tax bills of 1917.....	\$ 8 00
E. C. Irish, 1919.....	\$204 17
Nathan Flagg.....	3 00
Denis O'Connor	3 00

\$210 17

E. C. Irish, 1920.....	\$272 86
Sewell Staples estate.....	12 30
Thomas Penley	1 03
W. H. Cox, poll.....	3 00
Leon Bogle, poll.....	3 00
Robert Carroll, poll.....	3 00
Wendall Poland, poll.....	3 00

\$298 19

ABATEMENTS

On 1920 tax:

John Holman, poll, paid in Livermore.....	\$3 00
Fred Luce, under age.....	3 00
M. G. Morrill, over age limit.....	3 00
Colby Walker, paid in Canton.....	3 00
John Constantine, paid in Rumford.....	3 00
Malcolm Wood, paid in Mexico.....	3 00
Sewell Staples, Estate of, loss of property.....	1 44

\$ 19 44

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES

Appropriation	\$400 00
Unexpended in 1919	197 60

Available\$597 60

Paid F. W. Sanborn for printing 1919 report...	\$43 32
E. S. Newton for chemicals.....	29 50
Superintendent's incidentals	29 94
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books....	22 20
C. M. Conant, cutting edge to road machine molboard	10 50
Dr. W. M. Pease, examination of A. J. Hall for blindness	5 00
Victor Eastman, for repairs on rd. mch....	4 50
Dr. J. M. Sturtevant, for examination of Blanche Knight for measles.....	4 00
A. S. Hazelton, gravel for third class road.	21 75

Geo. H. Libby, gravel for third class road.	15 00
Fairbanks Co., sealer's supplies.....	4 05
Kidder Bros., lock and labor for town hall.	75
L. K. Lovejoy, damage to sheep by dogs..	45 00
L. E. Libby, damage to sheep by dogs....	15 00
W. B. Kidder, expense to Augusta to State assessors' meeting.....	21 69
E. B. Knox, expense to Augusta to State assessors' meeting.....	18 64
Dr. J. M. Sturtevant for recording births and deaths	1 50
H. R. Robinson, expense to Augusta to bridge hearing	11 52
E. G. Child, expense to Augusta to bridge hearing	11 58
E. B. Knox, expense to Augusta to bridge hearing	11 25
W. B. Kidder, expense to Augusta to bridge hearing	13 74
H. R. Robinson, use of water tub.....	5 00
J. C. Wyman, use of water tub.....	5 00
C. M. White, use of water tub.....	5 00
E. S. DeMerritt, use of water tub.....	3 50
Geo. Conant, use of water tub.....	3 00
James Irish, use of water tub.....	3 00
Howard Turner, making deeds.....	2 00
Howard Turner, express on ballots.....	1 32
Howard Turner, incidentals.....	4 45
E. G. Child, incidentals	3 26
H. R. Robinson, incidentals.....	3 40
W. H. Phinney, use of water tub in 1919..	4 00

Total expenditures.....\$383 36

Rec'd from State, damage to sheep.....\$60 00
County of Oxford, for examination of blind.... 2 00

\$659 60

Expenditures

383 36

Unexpended balance\$276 24

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Appropriation	\$800 00
Overdrawn in 1919.....	68 67
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Available	\$731 33
Paid E. G. Child, selectman.....	\$175 00
E. B. Knox, selectman.....	127 00
W. B. Kidder, selectman.....	92 00
H. R. Robinson, treasurer.....	70 00
Howard Turner, clerk.....	50 00
L. E. Irish, tax collector.....	325 25
C. N. Child, member of school board	
1919 and 1920	10 00
W. S. Haines, member of school board..	
D. C. Chenery, member of school board..	2 00
E. G. Child, services as moderator.....	3 50
W. B. Kidder, member of board of health	
E. S. Newton, member of board of health	7 50
O. T. Woodbury, mem. of board of health	
E. S. Newton, fire warden.....	
H. R. Robinson, ballot clerk.....	8 00
A. S. Holman, ballot clerk.....	4 00
George Oldham, ballot clerk.....	4 00
A. B. McIntire, ballot clerk.....	8 00
S. W. Howard, sealer of weights and meas.	
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Expenditures	\$886 25
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Overdrawn	\$154 92

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN, Feb. 12, 1921

Resources

Cash in hands of treasurer.....	\$1,520 81
Tax deeds on hand.....	363 36
Due on tax bills of 1917.....	8 00
Due on tax bills of 1919.....	210 17
Due on tax bills of 1920.....	298 19

Due fom Lewiston on the Emma Morris acct...	116 25
Due from State high school fund.....	500 00
Due from State on the Frank Bartlett acct. ..	215 75

Total resources	\$3,232 53
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Liabilities

Loan from Rumford Falls Trust Co.....	\$1,100 00
Outstanding orders	1,137 60

Total liabilities	\$2,237 60
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Resources over liabilities	\$994 93
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Respectfully submitted,

E. G. CHILD,
E. B. KNOX,
W. B. KIDDER,

Selectmen of Peru.

Treasurer's Report

H. R. ROBINSON, Treasurer

Dr.

To cash on hand Feb. 10, 1920.....	\$ 1,548 97
Tax deeds on hand	398 13
Due on tax bills of 1919.....	223 77
Due on tax bills of 1917.....	126 80
Poll taxes of 1920.....	696 00
Real estate and personal tax of 1920....	16,206 19
Supplementary tax of 1920.....	62 64
Interest on tax deeds	7 84
Loan from Rumford Falls Trust Co.....	2,000 00
Town clerk, dog licenses.....	160 00
Loan from Rumford Falls Trust Co.....	1,100 00
Lot in East Peru Cemetery.....	10 00
Loan from Rumford Falls Trust Co.....	2,500 00
State pension, M. A. Gammon.....	18 00
County of Oxford, examination of blind..	2 00
Support of State pauper.....	254 70
State common school fund.....	683 73
State school and mill fund	582 28
State equalization fund.....	780 00
Lot in East Peru Cemetery	10 00
State, third class road.....	597 35
State treasurer, state aid road No. 2 maintenance	8 30
State R. R. and Tel. tax.....	09
State improvement of State aid road....	552 69
State, damage to domestic animals.....	60 00

\$28,589 48

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By paid Maria A. Gammon, State pension..\$	18 00
Interest on notes.....	77 50
State dog licenses	164 00
State maintenance of State aid high- way	550 50
State tax, 1920	2,590 31
County tax, 1920.....	731 82
Notes	4,590 28
Tax deeds on hand.....	363 36
Town orders turned over.....	17,466 54
Due on tax bills of 1917.....	8 00
Due on tax bills of 1919.....	210 17
Due on tax bills of 1920.....	298 19
Cash on hand to balance	1,520 81

\$28,589 48

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the citizens of the town of Peru:

I have the pleasure to present for your consideration the annual report of the condition of your schools.

Administration of school affairs for the past year has been a difficult problem, as has been the case with the management of all other business. The teacher situation has been the most critical ever known. Thousands of children have been unable to attend schools because teachers could not be secured.

The teacher shortage has largely developed into a question of adequate salaries for trained teachers. We are beginning to realize that the trained teacher is the one that delivers the goods and is the teacher that we want in our schools. [There are not enough of these teachers in the State to fill all the schools, however, so it is the aim of superintendents to place them in the largest and most difficult schools, and to meet their demands as to wages. I hope the time will come in a few years when we can see a teacher with Normal training in every one of our schools.

The school census taken last April showed 232 persons of school age, and of this number 150 are attending school either here or out of town.

The percentage of attendance has not been as good as last year, it being 83.4 per cent as against 84.7 per cent as given in the last report. This was caused chiefly by the large number of pupils entering the Dickvale and West Peru schools during the fall term. An epidemic of scarlet fever at West Peru in the spring was the cause of a low attendance there for that term.

The Peru Center school wins the honor, this year, for the best per cent of attendance, it being 88.5 per cent.

Your schools, on the whole, have been very satisfactory and the teachers have shown a commendable interest in their work, and, as a result, good progress has been made. Most of your scholars are fully up to grade and will finish their elementary work well fitted to enter High school. You have a large number of 8th grade pupils, this year, 26 in all, and I hope that each one will make plans to enter some higher school, next fall. Too much cannot be said of the

advantages of a High school education, and the increased earning power it gives the individual. There are no 8th grade pupils in the town of Peru but what can go to either the Dixfield or Canton schools without very great effort, and I would respectfully request every citizen to urge these boys and girls to enter one of these institutions.

The schools are well supplied with text books now. It was necessary to purchase more books, this year, than we anticipated on account of the large number of 7th and 8th grade pupils. New books for the 1st and 2nd grades will be needed at Dickvale and at the Union, this spring. Other than that only ordinary replacements will be necessary. The appropriation asked for, this year, includes the price of a ten volume Encyclopedia, "The World Book," which was purchased for the West Peru schools. This is a very valuable work and should be in every school, but I would not recommend buying a set, this year.

Only ordinary repairs have been necessary, this year, with the exception of the building at East Peru. A combined wood shed and toilet has been erected there, both being connected with the school room. This is a great improvement in sanitary conditions, as well as giving adequate wood room. A few more repairs are necessary at this school and the work is being done during the present vacation.

We have received \$100.00 from the State for the purpose of continuing the building of sanitary toilets. Practically the same condition exists at Dickvale that existed at East Peru. A new toilet and more room for wood is needed very badly and it is your Committee's recommendation that the town raise \$100.00 for special repairs for this school. This amount, together with the \$100.00 from the State and the balance this year will make a fund of \$271.79, which ought to be enough to do the work.

None of the other buildings require any extensive repairs at this time, although some work is bound to be necessary.

The amount expended for tuition grows larger each year. The high school cost per pupil is increasing, and therefore towns are charging the maximum allowed by law. At present we have 20 in high school, 1 at Hebron Academy, 2 at Rumford, 7 at Canton and 10 at Dixfield. Next fall probably 14 more will enter these schools, making 34 in all, and we have made our recommendations on the basis of that number.

The balance of \$230.03 shown in the common school account is a little misleading. The \$630.00 received from the State Equalization funds must be used solely for the State school year ending June 30.

It was deemed best by the Committee to hold this money till the end of the spring terms and distribute it among the teachers as a sort of bonus and the teachers were hired with that understanding. \$28.00 of this amount has been paid to Miss Swett, who taught a fall term at the Highland, leaving \$602.00 to be distributed. So in reality we have an overdraft of \$371.97 in this account. This was caused principally by the necessity of having to pay four teachers more than we anticipated when we made our recommendations a year ago.

It is impossible to say whether we have planned on enough for salaries for next year or not. It all depends on conditions next summer throughout the State. We shall have to pay as much for trained teachers as other towns with similar schools pay. I do not anticipate any general increase in salaries as was the case, last year, but that increases will be given depending upon individual merit and ability.

It is interesting to note that the average salary paid our teachers, including the State Equalization fund, is, for the present school year, \$602 .00, while the average for the State is \$703 00 and for Oxford County, \$636.00.

The following estimates are presented after much consideration and are as low as we dare recommend:

Common schools	\$3,650 00
High school tuition.....	500 00
Books and supplies.....	250 00
Repairs	100 00
Special repairs, Dickvale.....	100 00
Superintendence	278 25
Interest on school fund.....	34 38

Overdrafts are included in the above. The total amount is \$243.-25 more than was raised, last year.

In closing I wish to thank the teachers and the members of the Committee for their assistance and co-operation in the administration of all school matters.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. COBURN, Superintendent.

TABULATED SCHOOL STATEMENT

School	No. Weeks	No. Registered	Ave. Attendance	Teacher	Wages per Week.
Spring, 1920					
West, Grammar.....	12	17	13.64	Edna Plummer.....	\$15.00
West, Primary.....	12	19	15.29	Nancy B. Millett.....	15.00
Center.....	12	23	20.08	Minnie P. Buker.....	15.00
Dickvale.....	12	17	12.17	Dorothy Swett.....	12.00
East Peru.....	12	13	10.61	Lillian I. Libby.....	14.00
Pond.....	12	14	12.79	Janice Wilkins.....	15.00
Union.....	12	12	10.05	Georgia Witham.....	12.00
Attendance, 82.2 per cent.					
Fall, 1920					
West, Grammar....	13	26	21.83	Marion Additon.....	\$19.00
West, Primary.....	12	30	21.28	Nancy B. Millett.....	19.00
Center.....	12	21	19.64	Ida Holman.....	20.00
Dickvale.....	13	20	13.11	Violet Philbrick.....	12.00
East Peru.....	12	10	8.69	Wilma Walker.....	12.00
Pond.....	12	12	9.62	Janice Wilkins.....	19.00
Union.....	12	10	9.30	Mildred Foster.....	12.00
Highland.....	10	7	5.29	Dorothy Swett.....	13.50
Attendance, 81.3 per cent.					
Winter, 1920-1921					
West, Grammar....	7	25	22.32	Marion Additon.....	\$19.00
West, Primary.....	8	23	20.77	Nancy B. Millett.....	19.00
Center.....	8	17	16.08	Ida Holman.....	20.00
Dickvale.....	7	21	16.32	Violet Philbrick.....	12 00
East Peru.....	8	10	9.11	Wilma Walker.....	12.00
Pond... ..	8	16	13.98	Janice Wilkins.....	19.00
Union.....	8	16	12.77	Mildred Foster.....	12.00
Attendance, 86.9 per cent.					

COMMON SCHOOLS

Receipts

Appropriation	\$3,200 00
Interest on school fund.....	34 38
State, equalization fund for teachers' salaries	630 00
State, school and mill fund.....	582 28
State, common school fund.....	683 73
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Available	\$5,130 39

Expenditures

Overdraft, 1919-20	\$ 324 54
Teachers' salaries	3,599 00
Fuel	539 07
Janitor service	137 75
Transportation	300 00
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	\$4,900 36
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Unexpended	\$230 03

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Receipts

Appropriation	\$725 00
State	500 00
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Available	\$1,225 00

Expenditures

Tuition, Hebron Academy	\$ 36 00
Town of Canton.....	407 50
Town of Dixfield	366 00
Town of Rumford	173 33
Overdraft, 1919-20	79 62
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	\$1,062 45
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Unexpended	\$162 55

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Receipts

Appropriation\$175 00

Expenditures

Overdraft, 1919-20\$ 16 73

Books and supplies 216 42

\$233 15

Overdrawn\$ 58 15

SUPERINTENDENCE

Receipts

Appropriation\$160 00

Unexpended 1919-20 08

State, equalization fund 50 00

Available\$210 08

Expended\$233 33

Overdrawn\$ 13 25

REPAIRS

Appropriation\$175 00

Expenditures

Overdraft, 1919-20\$32 33

Repairs at West Peru 51 83

 Dickvale 8 76

 Union 7 00

 Center 16 67

 East 8 50

 Pond 4 80

 Highland 5 45

\$135 34

Unexpended\$ 39 66

SPECIAL REPAIRS, EAST PERU

Receipts

Appropriation	\$200 00
Unexpended, 1919-20	104 00

Available	\$304 00
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Expenditures

Lumber	\$87 11
Labor	87 35
Shingles	49 10
Nails, hinges, zinc, etc.	8 65

\$232 21

Unexpended	\$ 71 79
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SPECIAL EQUALIZATION FUND FOR 1921

Received from State	\$100 00
Balance from 1920 fund.....	71 79

Balance for 1921	\$171 79
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OFFICE EXPENSE

Holt Brothers, blanks.....	\$ 3 75
Holt Brothers, promotion cards.....	4 60
Shaw-Walker Co., school forms.....	5 97
H. W. Coburn, postage, stationery, telephone, etc.	15 62

\$ 29 94

No appropriation.

Town Clerk's Report

Record of Marriages, Births and Deaths returned to this office for the year ending February 1, 1921.

MARRIAGES

1920

February 22, Osborne R. Burgess of Peru and Hazel F. Littlefield of Springvale.

March 14, Wallace W. Howard and Helen I. Pinkham, both of Peru.

April 24, Otis A. Gammon of Peru and Amy M. Putnam of Rumford.

April 27, Placide J. Cornier of Mexico and Marie E. Charland of Peru.

April 27, Waldo R. Putnam of Rumford and Margaret Smith of Peru.

May 29, Delbert Davis of Monmouth and Eva J. Bovine of Peru.

June 29, Chester Bradford Oliver of Eliot and Mary Gordon of Peru.

June 30, Josiah E. Colcord of Peru and Lida J. Small of Portland.

July 20, Sidney A. Hazelton and Edith M. Holman, both of Peru.

August 21, Burchard D. Knox and Melda Richards, both of Peru.

September 20, Bruce Elwin Chase of Peru and Annie Mae Blaisdell of Lewiston.

October 21, Clifford Erwin Child of Peru and Muriel F. Anderson of Rumford.

October 30, James Clifton Gray and Hazel Gertrude Kidder, both of Peru.

November 28, Guy R. Sanborn and Helena A. Cox, both of Peru.

December 15, Fred Luce and Ella S. Bigelow, both of Peru.

December 16, Elwood C. Kidder and Ethel E. Andrews, both of Peru.

December 25, Carl E. Smith of Peru and Thalia M. Virgin of Dixfield.

1921

January 24, Dana W. Russell and Wilna E. Walker, both of Peru.

BIRTHS

1920

February 4, to Eva and Frank Casey, a daughter, Mary.

February 27, to Mildred A. and Louis R. Delano, a son, Deforest Ira.

March 2, to Eula A. and Rodney E. Haynes, a son, Robert Roselinn.

April 30, to Esther and Gerald Tracey, a son, Malcom Cole.

May 6, to Florence and Herbert Lowell Shaw, a daughter, Dorothy Ruth

July 24, to Ethel R. and Earland E. Frost, a son, Leon Earland.

July 27, to Ethel M. and Edward L. Goding, a son.

August 28, to Gladys May Chenery and Herman L. Fuller, a son.

December 4, to Hattie B. and Irving C. Kidder, a son, Irving C. Jr.

1921

January 6, To Julia and Ralph G. Whittemore, a son, Warren Gilbert.

January 25, to Hazel F. and Osborne R. Burgess, a son, Henry Robinson.

January 30, to Melda and Burchard D. Knox, a daughter, Bernice Dorris.

DEATHS

1920

Feb. 5, Luella Hazelton, aged 59 years, 11 months, 1 day.

Feb. 5, Ethel M. Johnson, aged 33 years, 7 months, 2 days.

Feb. 21, Almon Bert Tyler, aged 50 years, 10 months, 14 days.

April 24, Mary Lucia Walker, aged 75 years, 5 months, 13 days.

May 17, Everett R. Johnson, aged 2 years, 5 months, 27 days.

May 24, Ida J. Arnold, aged 62 years 11 months, 27 days.

May 26, Catherine Boudreau, aged 76 years, 4 months, 16 days.

May 28, Emma A. Austin, aged 76 years, 9 months, 5 days.

June 16, Elias B. Frost, aged 51 years, 7 months, 15 days.

July 27, Goding infant.

Sept. 7, Mary A. Randall, aged 88 years, 2 months, 1 day.

Sept. 18, Will A. Dixon, aged 70 years, 2 months, 14 days.

Sept. 23, at Monmouth, Hollis Turner, aged 87 years, 8 months, 25 days.

Oct. 10, at Lewiston, William Weston, aged 45 years.

Nov. 20, at Dixfield, Roscoe H. Coolidge, aged 82 years, 10 months, 19 days.

Nov. 22, Mabel M. Howard, aged 34 years, 21 days.

Dec. 22, Ronello C. Dwinal, aged 75 years, 7 months, 6 days.

Dec. 30, at Gray, Roxanna C. Hammond, aged 75 years, 2 months, 22 days.

1921

Jan. 3, Ansel Leonell Maillet, aged 1 year, 2 months, 22 days.

HOWARD TURNER, Town Clerk.